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SUBJECT: AMERICAN CHURCH PEOPLE AND MIR FUGITIVES

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1. SUMMARY: PRIEST WHO HELPED FUGITIVE TERRORISTS REPORTS THE AIM WAS TO GET LATTER INTO DIPLOMATIC ASYLUM. HE GIVES MORE DETAILS ON THE OPERATION. END SUMMARY.
2. A PRIEST WHO WAS INVOLVED IN HELPING FUGITIVE SENIOR LEADERS OF MOVEMENT OF REVOLUTIONARY LEFT (MIR) TOLD EMBOFF THAT INTENT ALL ALONG HAD BEEN TO GET MIRISTAS INTO DIPLOMATIC ASYLUM. OFFER TO HELP THEM FROM BEGINNING WAS CONDITIONED ON THEIR GIVING UP THEIR ARMS (GOC REPORT ON CASE -- REF A -- STATED AS MUCH). PRIEST WAS PLEASED THEY HAD ENDED UP IN FOREIGN MISSIONS AND SIAD IT HAD TAKEN MUCH ARGUMENT TO CONVINCE THEM TO TAKE THIS COURSE.
3. PRIEST SAID THAT JESUIT FATHER PATRICIO CARIOLA (SANTIAGO 7556) HAD HELPED MAKE ASYLUM ARRANGEMENTS BUT HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN SHELTERING OR MOVEMENT OF FUGITIVES. SAID SCHEME STARTED TO GET COMPLICATED WHEN ONE EMBASSY WITHDREW ITS AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE FUGITIVES, AND OTHER, LESS SECURE ARRANGEMENTS HAD TO BE MADE HURRIEDLY. THEN GOC SECURITY FORCES GOT ONTO TRAIL OF BRITISH DOCTOR SHEILA CASSIDY, WHO  
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HAD BEEN PICKED UP PREVIOUSLY FOR TREATING WOUNDED FUGITIVES,

AND APPARENTLY GOT LEADS FROM HER TO OTHER IMPLICATED PERSONS.

4. SOURCE WAS ASKED ABOUT DISCREPANCY BETWEEN GOC AND CHURCH ACCOUNTS OF SHOOTING NIGHT OF NOV 1 AT COLUMBAN FATHERS REST HOME (REFTELS). HE SAID HE HAD NO PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT HAPPENED BUT DID KNOW THAT ALL FIVE FLEEING MIRISTAS WERE AT OTHER PLACES THAT NIGHT. ANDRES PASCAL ALLENDE AND HIS GIRLFRIEND (ONCE SHE JOINED HIM FROM NOTRE DAME HOME) DID NOT LEAVE SAFE HAVEN FROM OCT 20 UNTIL NOV 2, WHEN THEY REACHED COSTA RICAN EMBASSY. NELSON GUTIERREZ AND HIS FRIEND WERE ACCOUNTED FOR AT NOTRE DAME HOME AND ONE OTHER PLACE DURING PERIOD OCT 20-29, WHEN THEY ENTERED PAPAL NUNCIATURA. FINALLY, MARTIN HUMBERTO HERNANDEZ VASQUEZ WAS IN HOUSE OF ANOTHER PRIEST UNTIL DETAINED NOV 2. AS RESULT, NONE OF THEM COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SHOOTOUT NOV 1.

5. COMMENT: IF VERSION OF THIS AND OTHER CHURCH SOURCES IS CORRECT, MIRISTAS WERE NOT AT COLUMBAN FATHERS REST HOME ON NOV 1. NEVERTHELESS, SECURITY FORCES MUST HAVE THOUGHT FLEEING MIRISTAS WERE HIDING IN COLUMBAN HOME AND OPENED FIRE AT FIRST MOVEMENT, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE THE UNFORTUNATE HOUSEKEEPER OPENING THE WINDOW TO SEE WHO WAS THERE. ON THIS BASIS, GOVERNMENT STORY ON SHOOTOUT, ASSERTING SECURITY FORCES WERE FIRED UPON AND WOUNDED, COULD BE COVER-UP FOR ERROR THAT RESULTED IN DEATH OF INNOCENT PERSON.  
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